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14 DEC 1979

SUMMARY OF UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, HOUSTON PEER REVIEW COMMENTS

<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>AF RESPONSE</u>
• STANDARDIZATION OF QUESTIONNAIRE TECHNIQUE	CONCUR
• ADEQUACY OF C - 130 CONTROL GROUP	CONCUR
RVN EXPOSURE TO H.O. ?	RECOGNIZED
C - 123 VS C - 130 FUEL DIFFERENCES	NONCONCUR
• CLARIFICATION OF TERMINOLOGY	CONCUR
• EMPHASIS OF STUDY BIASES	CONCUR
RISK TAKING, CONFOUNDING VARIABLES	

COMMENTS

RESPONSE

- HISTORY TAKING, FERTILITY - SPOUSE CONCUR
- BIOSTATISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS
 - MORTALITY ANALYSIS, NONACCOUNTABILITY 1% CONCUR
 - MODIFIED LIFE TABLE CONCUR
- CONCURRENT AMPLIFYING STUDIES RECOGNIZED
- KEY TO DOCUMENT VERIFIERS CONCUR
- SHORTEN PE; USE REGIONAL CENTERS CONCUR

SUMMARY OF AF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD PEER REVIEW COMMENTS

<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>AF RESPONSE</u>
● STUDY START DATE UNREASONABLE	—
● DEVELOP DATA SYSTEM USABLE BY OTHER AGENCIES	CONCUR
● NON DOD STUDY ADVISORY GROUP	CONCUR
● EMPHASIS ON EXPOSURE INDEX (USA CHEMICAL CENTER)	CONCUR

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COMMENTS

AF RESPONSE

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| ● QUESTIONNAIRE TOO LONG | CONCUR |
| ● ADD PAST MEDICAL Hx | CONCUR |
| ● REDESIGN TO VERY SHORT QUEST. | CONCUR * |
| ● HOME INTERVIEWS VICE QUEST. | CONCUR * |
| ● REEXAMINE DECENTRALIZED PE | CONCUR |
| ● OBTAIN AUTOPSY/HOSP RECORDS | CONCUR |

* PARTIAL

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COMMENTS

AF RESPONSE

- STRATIFY EXPOSED GROUP BY CP
- INCREASE CONTROLS TO 3:1 FOR MORTALITY ANALYSIS
- MAINTAIN 1:1 CONTROL TO STUDY FOR MORBIDITY ANALYSIS
- EMPHASIZE COMPLIANCE/RESPONSE
- STUDY HIGH EXPOSED "VANGUARD"

PLANNED IN STUDY

CONCUR *

CONCUR

CONCUR

CONCUR *

* PARTIAL

18 DEC 1973

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COMMENTS

AF RESPONSE

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| ● ADD IMMUNE LAB STUDIES; PRN | CONCUR |
| ● PE TO FOCUS ON CA | CONCUR |
| ● LONG-TERM FOLLOWUP | IN STUDY |
| ● FEEDBACK HEALTH DATA TO PRIVATE MD | CONCUR |
| ● COMPUTER CODING SYSTEM | CONCUR |

AFEB PEER REVIEW

● CREDIBILITY ISSUES

- CONTRACTING STUDY** **PARTIALLY CONCUR**
- EXAMINATION VARIABILITY** **CONCUR**
- MONITORING COMMITTEE** **CONCUR**

● TOO COMPREHENSIVE

- INTERVIEW** **CONCUR**
- PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION** **PARTIALLY CONCUR**
- PHYSICAL EXAM** **PARTIALLY CONCUR**
- FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES** **NOTED**

● SELECTION OF CONTROLS

- INCREASE SIZE** **CONCUR**
- ESTIMATED MORTALITY** **CONCUR**

AFEB PEER REVIEW (CON'T)

- **VARIABILITY AND VALIDITY**
 - **VALIDATION OF INTERVIEW DATA** **CONCUR**
 - **SINGLE CENTER EXAMS** **CONCUR**
 - **QUALITY CONTROL** **CONCUR**
 - **VERIFICATION OF MORBIDITY** **CONCUR**
 - **DERMATOLOGIC PHOTOGRAPHY** **CONCUR**

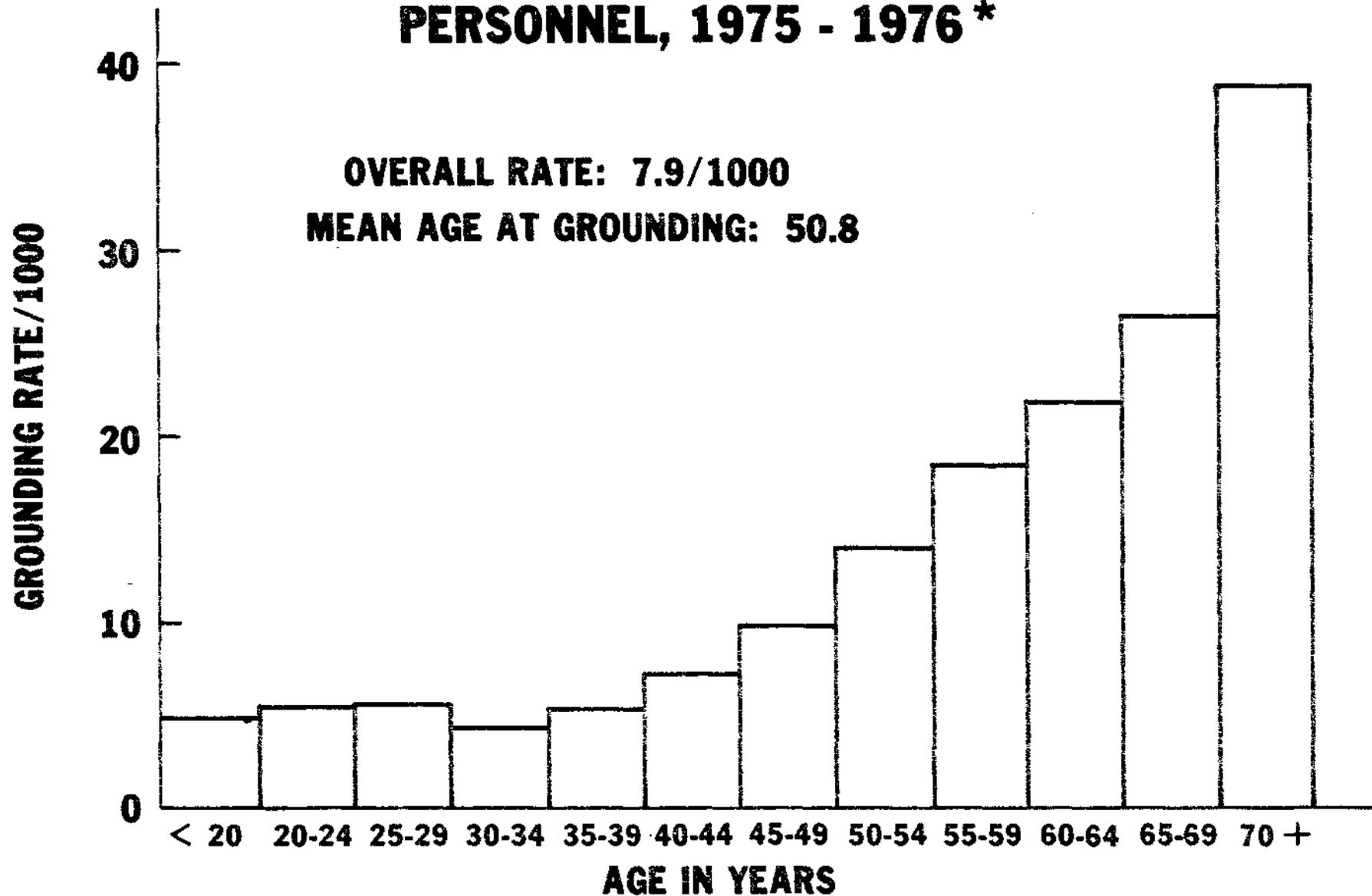
**FEASIBILITY FOR IDENTIFYING AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE
PERSONNEL (TOTAL POPULATION) EXPOSED
TO HERBICIDE ORANGE**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>PRIMARY MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL¹</u>	<u>SECONDARY MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL²</u>
JAN 1962 - JUL 1964	YES	NO
AUG 1964 - DEC 1966	YES/NO	NO
JAN 1967 - APR 1970	YES	NO

¹ INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNED TO RH; DENOMINATOR KNOWN

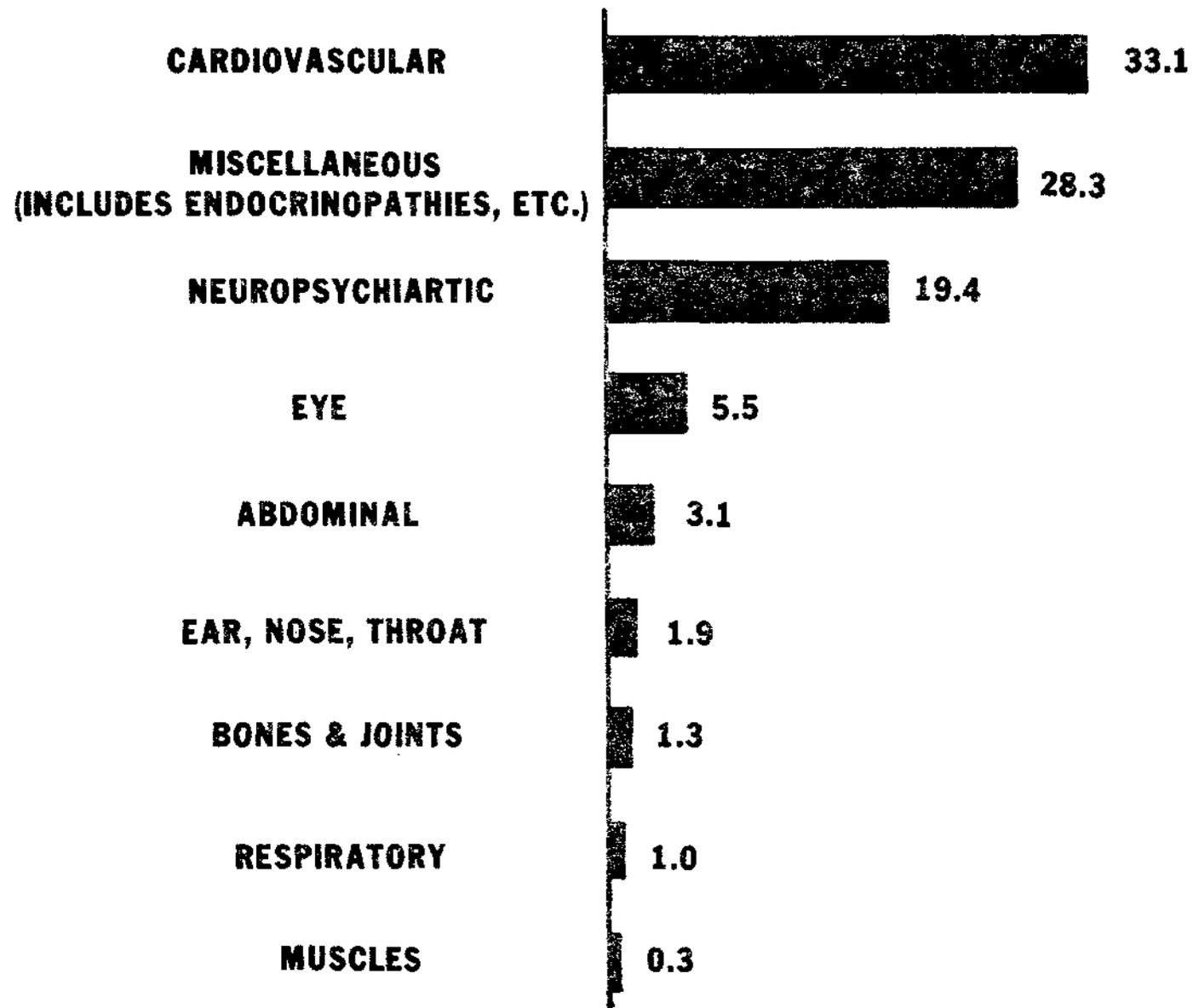
² INDIVIDUAL NOT ASSIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO RH, ALTHOUGH MAY HAVE SERVICED THE AIRCRAFT; DENOMINATOR NOT ASCERTAINABLE

FAA GROUNDING RATE BY AGE, ALL AERONAUTICAL PERSONNEL, 1975 - 1976 *



* USAF GROUNDING RATE, ALL AGES: 3-6/1000

CAUSE FOR FAA GROUNDING BY MAJOR BODY SYSTEM, 1975 - 1976



ANNUAL RATES PER 10,000 APPLICANTS